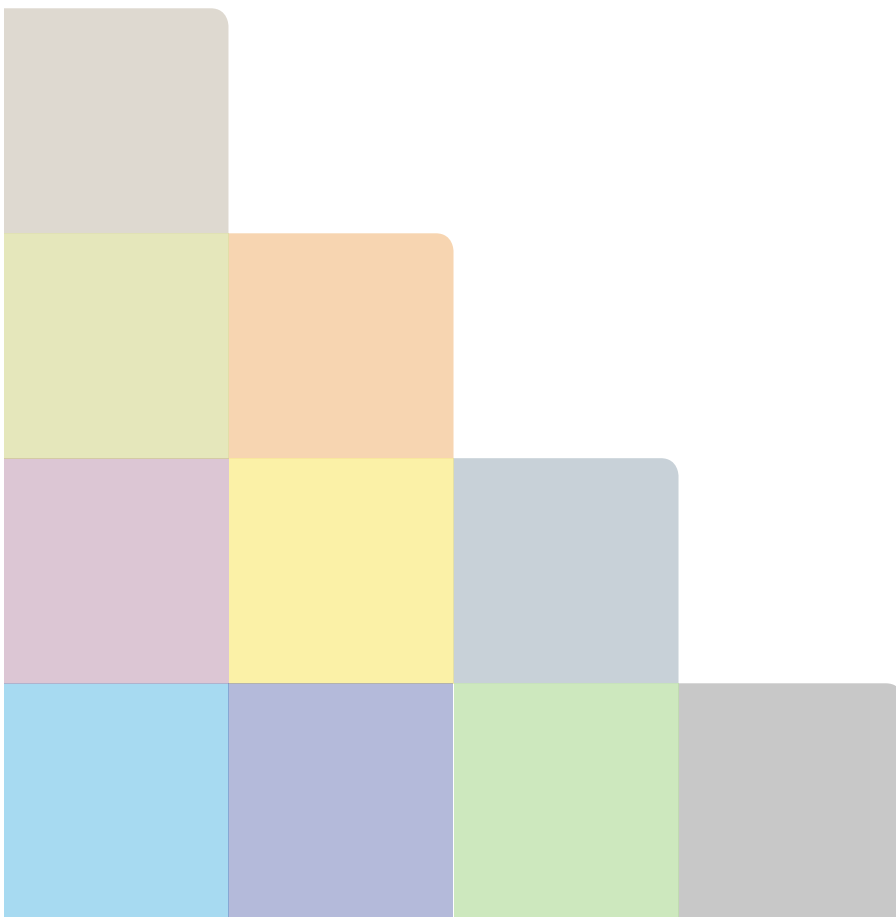




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About the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Established by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in 1958 as one of the five regional commissions, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) is tasked with promoting the economic and social development of its member States, fostering intraregional integration and promoting international cooperation for Africa's development.

Made up of 54 member States, and playing a dual role as a regional arm of the United Nations and a key component of the African institutional landscape, ECA is well positioned to make unique contributions to address the continent's development challenges.

The Commission's strength derives from its role as the only United Nations entity mandated to operate at the regional and subregional levels to harness resources and bring them to bear on Africa's priorities. To enhance its impact, ECA places a special focus on, first, collecting up-to-date and original regional statistics in order to ground its policy research and advocacy on clear objective evidence; second, promoting policy consensus; third, providing meaningful capacity development; and lastly, providing advisory services in key thematic fields.

The Commission's thematic areas of focus are as follows:

- Macroeconomic policy
- Regional integration and trade
- Social development
- Natural resources
- Innovation and technology
- Gender
- Governance

ECA also provides technical advisory services to African Governments, intergovernmental organizations and institutions. In addition, it formulates and promotes development assistance programmes and acts as the executing agency for relevant operational projects. Specialized regional advisory services and meaningful capacity-development support to member States are provided in the following priority areas:

- Promotion of industrialization
- Design and implementation of macroeconomic policy
- Design and articulation of development planning
- Supporting mineral resources contract negotiations
- Promoting the proper management of natural resources for Africa's transformation

ECA is headed by an Executive Secretary, who is assisted by two Deputy Executive Secretaries. Its work programme is supported by two pillars: policy research and knowledge delivery. There are five substantive divisions responsible for policy research: Macroeconomic Policy, Regional Integration and Trade, Social Policy Development, Special Initiatives, and the African Centre for Statistics. The Capacity Development Division, the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP), the Commission's training arm and the ECA Subregional Offices for North, West, Central, East and Southern Africa, based respectively in Rabat, Niamey, Yaounde, Kigali and Lusaka, make up the knowledge delivery pillar. Knowledge generation and knowledge delivery at ECA are underpinned by the Strategic Planning and Operational Quality Division and the Public Information and Knowledge Management Division. The ECA Partnerships Office and the Joint Secretariat Support Office of the ECA, African Union Commission (AUC) and the African Development Bank (AfDB) complement the work of the substantive divisions.

About the Catalogue

Welcome to the 2015 edition of the ECA Publications Catalogue. This year's Catalogue features more than 100 reports and studies that will be made available over the course of the year, in addition to multimedia resources. Publications are available in print and also in digital format on our website for immediate viewing or download. The publications – which include the Economic Report on Africa, our flagship publication – represent the work of ECA and cover a wide range of thematic areas forming part of the transformative development agenda for the renaissance of Africa. More specifically, the publications capture the work ECA does to monitor Africa's economic growth, understand mega-trends and their implications for African economies, and promote the rise of emerging economies.

The publications featured in the Catalogue are organized into the following nine categories:

- (i) The ECA flagship publication: the most in-depth and analytical signature think piece that communicates the strategic thinking of ECA and carries its voice on key development issues.
- (ii) Special thematic reports: these are stand-alone reports to systematically discuss a specific topic. They build on the knowledge and original thinking developed by ECA and represent the depth of ECA's thinking on a specific issue.
- (iii) ECA journals: these are part of ECA policy/research journal publication programme consisting of four major journals. They are meant to provide a platform for the publication of scholarly papers on ECA's priority areas and to help ECA interact with the academia.
- (iv) Thematic headline publications: these are periodic key publications that focus on major issues of ECA's specific programme areas and provide progress updates in these areas. They are meant to deliver ECA's voice in specialized areas.
- (v) Specific thematic reports: these are stand-alone reports that are directly supported by working papers to systematically discuss a specific topic.
- (vi) Geographic headline publications: examples of these publications include country profiles produced by ECA's subregional offices to report latest developments and first-hand experiences on the ground as well as regional profiles.
- (vii) Case studies, research and working papers: they focus on original and diversified studies and serve as a knowledge base for more systematic studies.
- (viii) Policy briefs and newsletters: these are essentially summaries covering policy issues and options and specifically targeting those interested in governing policies. The newsletters cover summaries of ECA-wide activities in a single periodic edition.
- (ix) Reports on the work of ECA: these include statutory and strategic reports on programme implementation as well as organizational papers on ECA change management processes.

Most ECA publications are available in English or French or both, and can be ordered online or by using the order form in the Catalogue for delivery by regular mail free of charge. Please note that the ECA Publications Section reserves the right to limit the quantity of publications that can be ordered as part of ongoing efforts to reduce our carbon footprint under the United Nations' Greening the Blue initiative.

The ECA website is increasingly being used to provide quick and easy access to publications. You can keep up-to-date on new publications by going to www.uneca/publications/pages. The website will be updated regularly with all the latest publications and other news. You will also soon be able to view the quarterly update of the online edition of the Catalogue at www.uneca/pub/quarterly-2015.

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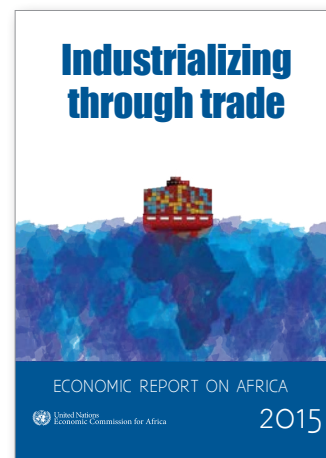
Economic Report on Africa 2015

Industrializing through trade

The 2015 edition of the Economic Report on Africa will attempt to address the question of how trade can serve as an instrument in accelerating industrialization in Africa, amidst appropriate changes in a country's fiscal, monetary and exchange rate policies among others. The report will explore issues that African countries are facing in the rapidly changing regional and global trade policy environment and analyze how Africa can utilize the trade opportunities in transforming its economies.

Issue date: March 2015

Availability:   



Socio-Economic Impacts of the Ebola Virus Disease on Africa

The study assesses the socioeconomic impacts of the disease on the affected countries and Africa as a whole, both in terms of real costs and in terms of growth and development prospects, and proposes policy options that could accompany mitigation efforts. The study also highlights the fact that alarming downward revisions of economic growth rates for affected countries and the West African subregion were carried under scattered data and uncertainty about the future epidemiological path of the disease. They also did not take proper account of the magnitude of the international response. While the affected countries are feeling economic and social impacts, there is a stimulus effect as a result of the ongoing response to the outbreak. The effect of Ebola on West Africa and the continent has been minimal given the weight of the affected economies and the response to the outbreak.

Issue date: January 2015

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Report of the High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa

As part of the effort to significantly improve its domestic resource mobilization efforts, it was agreed that the African continent has to urgently address a critical challenge of Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs). Deriving from proceeds of tax evasion, laundered commercial transactions; and proceeds of criminal activities among other practices, illicit financial flows are a huge drain on Africa's resources with the continent estimated to be losing in excess over \$50bn in IFFs annually. This High Level Panel Report on IFFs works to develop a realistic and accurate assessment of the volumes and sources of these outflows from Africa while providing a concrete understanding of how these outflows occur. Based on case studies of a sample of African countries from the various regions, it deeply assesses the commercial and criminal avenues of IFFs and how to curtail them at the national, continental and global levels. The study also makes specific recommendations of practical, realistic, short- to medium-term actions that should be taken both by Africa and by the rest of the world to effectively confront what is in fact a global challenge.

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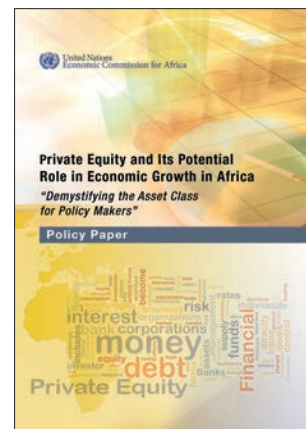


Private Equity and its Potential Role in Economic Growth in Africa

The overall objective of the paper is to review the status of private equity in Africa, opportunities as well as challenges. The paper highlights the potential of private equity as an alternative source of financing investments in Africa and to generating growth and jobs in the continent. The paper also explores key opportunities existing in private equity in Africa, as well as identifying challenges affecting the growth of the industry. While the paper is intended for policy makers, governments, and development agencies, it is nonetheless also aimed at sensitizing the Private Equity players on how to enhance their engagement with governments. Specifically, the paper is aimed at: Establishing a common and deeper understanding of the asset class amongst political decision makers and what drives the behaviour of the Private Equity industry participants allowing open engagement and constructive dialogue; and Indicate possible levels and initiatives to confirm the viability of these for policy makers in order to maximize the benefits for all role-players involved, when using this asset class as a conduit to grow foreign direct investment (FDI), which is a driver for economic growth, social upliftment and prosperity.

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ECA Book on Innovative Financing for Africa's Economic Transformation

This book builds on the issues papers and synthesis of discussions at the Ninth African Development Forum (ADF-IX), organized by ECA and its strategic African partners. It examines five thematic issues areas of development financing: Domestic Resources Mobilization, Illicit Financial Flows, Private Equity, Climate Financing and New Forms of Partnerships. It analyzes ways of better equipping African countries to be able to capture currently unexplored or/and poorly developed sources of development financing, including through closing the loopholes that facilitate the hemorrhage of the continent through illicit financial outflows. The book contends that if properly leveraged, these innovative sources of financing could considerably reduce the continent's dependence on external resources; as well as provide the requisite resources for the implementation of regional and global development agendas, such as the evolving AU/Africa-Agenda 2063 and the post-2015 Global Development Agenda.

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Journals

As an important part of ECA's aspiration of becoming Africa's premier think tank, it's programme of work is now geared towards collecting up-to-date and original data to ground its policy research and advocacy on clear objective evidence. Its publishing programme has been more streamlined and now aims to deepen ECA's analysis. As part of this development, ECA will launch four major journals, which together represent a coherent and consistent approach to an ECA policy journal publication programme. These are:

- A bilingual (English/French) self-published ECA Journal to serve as the Journal of reference on the big ideas that frame Africa's development priorities and its social and economic transformation;
- **Journal of African Transformation:** a bilingual journal jointly published with CODESRIA (Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa), a social science research institute located in Dakar with accessible articles meant to help better inform the academic research on pressing policy issues, and to bring academic research more to the attention of policy makers;
- **African Development Alternatives:** an English language journal jointly published with University of Cape Town that will cover cross-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary research, drawing from different social science fields from development practice; and
- An Arabic language journal jointly published with the Cairo University (CU) in order to reach out to Arab-speaking countries, tentatively focusing on translating papers from the ECA-sponsored journal and translating Arabic papers into English or French to make them accessible to the other journal readers.

Issue date: June - December 2015

Availability:  



African Statistical Yearbook

The African Statistical Yearbook is jointly produced by ECA, the African Development Bank and the African Union Commission. It presents time-series data showing how African countries performed on several economic and social thematic areas. The data in the Yearbook are arranged generally for latest nine years for which data are available. It is published in one volume consisting of two parts: a set of summary tables followed by country profiles. The summary tables present selected standardized indicators for all African countries to enable data users make comparisons among countries. The indicators cover various statistical domains such as Social and demographic indicators; Economic statistics; Monetary and financial statistics; Economic infrastructure and investment climate; and MDGs. The country profile presents indicators grouped into nine thematic areas and are not necessarily used for comparison among countries.

Issue date: May 2015

Availability:  



African Women Report (AWR)

The 2014 AWR will provide a comprehensive analysis on the gender issues in the agricultural value chains based on secondary and empirical research in 7 countries representing the ECA 5 subregions. Building on the momentum of the structural transformation agenda, the report will define policy options to empower women in all steps of the value chains with the view to ensuring that they participate and benefit fully from the transformation processes of the agricultural sector

Issue date: July 2015

Availability:  



MDG 2015 Report: Assessing Progress in Africa towards the Millennium Development Goals

The 2015 Report will assess Africa's progress on the MDGs, highlight the challenges and opportunities, and share lessons learnt, best practices and policy recommendations that will be helpful for countries in implementing the next development agenda.

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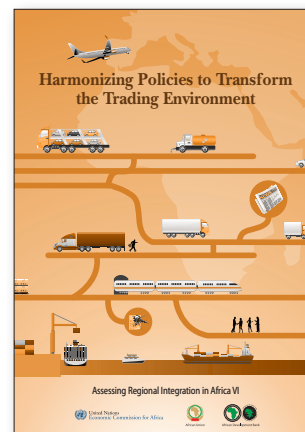


Assessing Regional Integration in Africa (ARIA VII)

The seventh edition of the Assessing Regional Integration in Africa publication (ARIA-VII) focuses on innovation as an important driver to enhance the competitiveness of African economies, investigating how innovation and regional integration can become mutually supportive policy objectives. The report will include an appraisal of science, technology and innovation strategies and institutional ecosystems, as well as a review of the role innovation is currently playing in the African context. The report will draw upon the experiences of emerging economies such as Brazil, India, and South-East Asian (ASEAN) countries, highlighting policy tools and strategies to foster innovation and the emergence of increasingly sophisticated regional supply chains.

Issue date: July 2015

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State of Urbanization Report

The report will provide a holistic approach to rapid urbanization which supports the structural transformation agenda of the entire continent and helps fashion more effective social development policies.

Issue date: November 2015

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The Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness in Africa: Promise and Performance 2015

The Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness is an exercise in mutual accountability undertaken jointly by the UNECA and the OECD following a request of NEPAD Heads of State and Government in 2003. Its purpose is to assess what has been done by Africa and its development partners to deliver commitments in relation to the continent's development, what results have been achieved, and what the key future priorities are. It complements the self-assessments produced by each side to the partnership. The report follows the same structure as previous reports and is accordingly organized around four broad policy areas: sustainable economic growth, investing in people, good governance, and financing for development.

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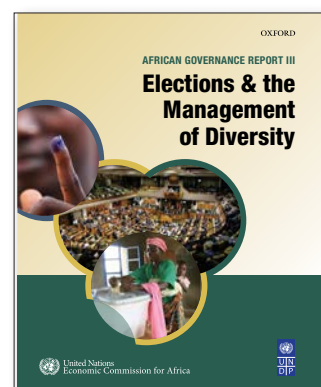


African Governance Report (AGR IV)

The fourth edition of the African Governance Report (AGR IV) will present quantitative and qualitative approaches to measuring corruption in Africa.

Issue date: December 2015

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Sustainable Development Goals Report Africa

The report presents Africa's sustainable development priorities and goals, prepared under the framework of the post-2015 consultations in Africa, and the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development ("Rio+20") follow-up processes. It examines the region's sustainable development issues and priorities and presents the region's perspective on sustainable development goals, targets and indicators. The report also discusses the means of implementation, a framework for monitoring and evaluation and provides recommendation for successful implementation of the SDGs.

Issue date: June 2015

Availability:  



Dynamics of Climate Extremes in Africa with Special Focus on Island

This report will provide an evidence (baseline analysis) of changing hydro-climate extremes in Africa and set the stage for further studies on future climate variability and change over a range of decision timelines. Hazard profiles based on the World Meteorological Organization 27 core climatic extreme indices will be established to support adaptation and climate-resilient development planning in Africa SIDS.

Issue date: June 2015

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Vulnerability, Climate Change and Public Policy in Africa

A potential paper that will explore existing vulnerabilities (their causes and how policies have attempted to address them) and how climate change will exacerbate such vulnerabilities. The paper will seek to engage the ways in which public policies are beginning to integrate climate change in their attempts to respond to vulnerabilities.

Issue date: June 2015

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The Role of Research in Promoting Technology and Innovation in Africa

Investigates whether research is promoting/advancing technological development and innovation in Africa and recommend best policy options. Policy recommendation on STI will be made.

Issue date: June 2015

Availability:  



Technology and Innovation in Africa in the Context of Globalization

Assesses Africa's performance in the global innovation ecosystem and knowledge economy, focusing on issues like technology development, international collaborative research and knowledge generation; technology applications, etc. Policy recommendation on STI will be made.

Issue date: June 2015

Availability:  



Patterns of Governance - Intellectual Property Rights - Patents

This report explores ways and means to enhance capacity of member States and regional economic communities to nurture and harness new technologies and innovations for development

Issue date: June 2015

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Sustainable Development Report on Africa (SDRA-V)

The Sustainable Development Report on Africa (SDRA) is aimed at promoting a balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development and has served as an important medium for monitoring and assessing sustainable development in Africa. The fifth issue of the SDRA has been produced in collaboration with UNEP, FAO, UNIDO, and UNDP under the theme "Achieving sustainable development in Africa through inclusive green growth".

Issue date: June 2015

Availability:  



African Statistical Pocketbook

This manual provide a comprehensive review of the characteristics of statistical offices in Africa, including the different, legal framework, names, organization structure and management system, this manual will be finalized, disseminated and used by technical and financial partners for better understanding of the statistical system in Africa, the manual is also intended to provide best practices and exchange of experiences, as well practical suggestion in the management of NSO.

Issue date: July 2015

Availability:  



Regional Assessment and Good Practice Synthesis Report on Mainstreaming and Implementing Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

The report identifies, document, analyses and where applicable synthesises the following: the main disaster risks; on-going and planned disaster risk reduction and management interventions at regional and subregional levels; regional and subregional development strategies policies, plans and programmes and extent to which disaster risk reduction and management interventions are integrated or mainstreamed into these frameworks including at the implementation stage; interventions/frameworks for climate change adaptation applicable to disaster risk reduction; good practices as well as success factors and lessons learned in mainstreaming and implementing DRR interventions; and main tools, guidelines, methodologies and approaches applied/used for disaster risk vulnerability assessment and to mainstream and implement disaster risk reduction and management activities. The report provides well-informed, action-oriented recommendations to scale up effective integration/mainstreaming and implementation of disaster risk reduction interventions as part of cooperation and development frameworks at regional, subregional and national levels.

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Rethinking Production Systems of Strategic Food and Agriculture Commodities in Africa

The report provides a review of agricultural production and food systems in Africa in the context of climate change and climate variability and other emerging trends in line with the newly set commitments of the Malabo Declaration and its implementation. It aims at providing action oriented recommendations including best practices to share, to scale up and scale out towards turning Africa into a net exporter, a world food factory and a world trader center in the context of Agenda 2063. It highlights arising key trends, drivers as well as challenges and opportunities faced as good entry points to help develop a culture of managed risks for greater stability and development turning old and arising new challenges or inevitable shocks into mutually rewarding learning, sharing and self-sustaining developmental opportunities in order to successfully transform Africa's agriculture

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Mainstreaming Youth Employment in Climate Change Mitigation Strategies

This will entail a methodology to mainstream youth employment issues into the climate change policies and strategies in the different sub-regions.

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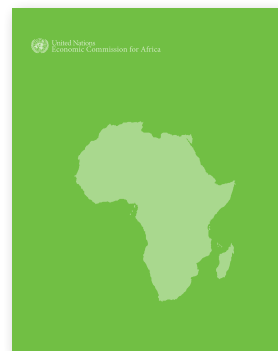


Would Inclusive Green Growth Improve Food Security in Africa?

This research paper examines the role of inclusive green growth in enhancing food security in Africa. Indeed, despite the positive outcomes observed in terms of economic growth rates over the period 2002-2011 (ECA 2013), food security poses a major problem in Sub-Saharan Africa. To this regard, the research paper: (i) analyses the food security situation in Africa and identify key factors and priority areas for action; (ii) determine how the application of the principles and approaches of an inclusive green economy/growth could improve food security in Africa; (iii) highlight the challenges and opportunities for integrating inclusive green economy/growth principles and approaches in improving food security in Africa; and (iv) proffers policy implications based on the findings.

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Cost of Hunger Regional Report – 2nd Phase

The report will present a consolidation of the results of the 2nd phase countries including Burkina Faso, Malawi, Rwanda and Ghana. Additionally a thematic chapter will be included on the Post MDG Agenda.

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Contemporary Issues in Establishing Climate Services Information Systems in Africa: Lessons and best practices

This paper will provide an assessment of challenges and opportunities in establishing climate information and services delivery platforms in Africa.

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Monitoring and Evaluation of African Action Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety

The report will use a mixed methods approach (qualitative and quantitative) to assess the extent to which African countries have implemented the activities of the African Road Safety Action Plan (2011-2020). It will examine the performance of different countries and across the different pillars of the Action Plan. The report will be based on in-depth interviews of selected countries (case studies) as well as questionnaires administered to road safety experts and administrators. It is envisaged that the report will be produced before the mid-term review of the UN Global Decade for Road Safety to be held in Brazil in 2015.

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Curricula Needs Assessment and Mapping of Existing Land Training Centres in Africa

In response to objective 6 on enhancing the capacity and skills in support of land policy development and implementation in Africa, the assessment is meant to identify gaps and recommend sustainable ways of improving training on land.

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Stocktaking Report on Africa's Participation in the Climate Change Negotiations

A historical narrative on Africa's position in the global temperature hikes and why it needs a radical agenda now to cope with its impacts. This study traces Africa's place and role in climate negotiations, placing the continent within the matrix of the defining issues on global temperature increases, food security, water, and climate change financing.

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Impacts of Climate Change on Africa's Economic Growth Report

A research report from a study that seeks to quantify the effects of climate change on economic development in Africa. It will look at structural frameworks, climate scenarios and available economic opportunities for adaptation and mitigation.

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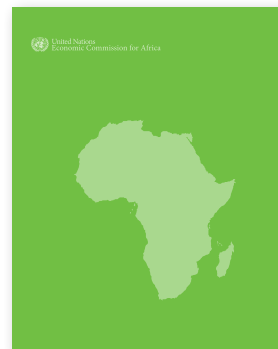


Handbook on the Use of Mobile Devices for Data Collection

The guide describes the various types of mobile devices and different mobile operating system in an attempt to assist African countries to determine suitable mobile devices hardware and add-on devices for statistical data collection. The document also presents a list of the major criteria to select the right hardware and software apps for data collection

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The Usefulness of Geo-referenced Dwelling Frames for Census Cartography during the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Census (PHC) in Africa

The supporting arguments and opposing arguments of the idea of building dwelling frames to serve as the basis for creating Enumeration Areas (EA's) for surveys and censuses requires investigation as this concept is relatively new in many African countries. The cartographic exercises of previous rounds of censuses in Africa relied much on the traditional census cartographic method. The concept of developing geo-referenced dwelling frames by some African countries in the 2010 round has drastically changed census cartographic methodology in areas such as use of mobile devices, satellite imagery, Geographic Positioning System (GPS), Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and other mechanisms to establish the dwelling frames. The publication is aimed at increasing awareness on the benefits of using census cartographic goods and services to improve the quality of data that are generated from censuses and surveys. It will address timeliness and data quality issues, whilst outlining the basis for policy dialogue on the use of the technology between decision makers, geospatial information specialists and other stakeholders.

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Guidebook on Use of Administrative Data in National Accounts

Based on good experiences and practices on the use of administrative data in the compilation of national accounts of African countries and international standards and recommendations, the Guidebook describes and explains in detail on how to use various administrative data sources and integrate them in the compilation of national accounts with step by step procedures and useful correspondence tables between sources data and national accounts. Other materials discussed in the Guidebook include the data collection such as the reference documents used, period covered, time of collection, data processing methods applied, weights used to reconstruct the whole, classifications, data quality, and conditions of accessibility, so on and so forth. In so doing, the Guidebook is expected to be effective training and operational reference materials for strengthening the capacity of African countries to harmonize the process of using the already available administrative data to improve the quality and availability of national accounts.

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Handbook on Supply and Use Table: Compilation, Application, and Practices Relevant to Africa

The Supply and Use Table (SUT) is an essential table of the System of National Accounts. It presents the inter-connection relationship of various industries and sectors of the economy thus a useful tool for economic analysis and projection. It is also powerful framework for cross-checking the consistency and accuracy of the Gross Domestic Product derived from three approaches, namely the production, expenditure, and income approaches. Combined with international standards and good practices in African countries, the Handbook provides practical guidance on how to make a good use of various data sources to compile Supply and Use Tables for economic analysis and projection. Various conceptual and valuation aspects of SUTs are covered including required data sources, compilation methods, and classification used.

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Incentives for Enhanced Deployment of Renewable Energy Climate Change Mitigation

In the early years of renewable energy technology deployment, upfront capital costs were too high and special incentives and instruments such as feed-in-tariffs were used to support deployment by the private sector with return on investment. Over time this created a virtuous cycle of falling technology costs with increased deployment. Recently many countries have been using public auctions to procure renewable energy deployment, including the ongoing Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Programme. Many African policy makers need clarity on which instrument to use in support of accelerated renewable energy deployment in their countries. This brief will present the pros and cons of both feed-in-tariffs and auctions in the African context and highlight examples of where they have or have not worked well.

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Systematic Biases of Global Climate Prediction Systems over Central Africa and their Interactions with Model Errors in Remote Monsoon Regions: Using the grid-point nudging approach within HadGEM3

Central Africa is the third most extensive region of deep convection on the planet and its associated tropospheric heating plays a critical role in the tropical atmospheric circulation. However, our understanding of the primary drivers of climate variability and their interactions with processes in remote regions, remain remarkably weaker over Central Africa compared to any other tropical continental region. The present study investigates the source of systematic errors in the GA3 global atmosphere model simulation over Central Africa using the grid-point approach. We provide an overview of the model ability to reproduce key climate features at intraseasonal, seasonal and interannual timescales, and diagnose the possible consequences of improving simulations of the global monsoon climate through series of 27-year continuous integrations (1982-2008). Results are also compared with CMIP5 simulations produced in support of the IPCC 5th Assessment Report (AR5)

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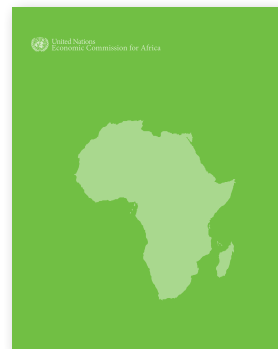


Regional Review of Istanbul Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries

The Report will review Africa's progress on the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPOA), identify challenges and opportunities, and share lessons and policy recommendations that will be helpful for countries as they strive to graduate from Least Developed Countries (LDC) status.

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Strategies for Mobilization of resources and Investment

The study examines and catalogues tried, tested and emerging strategies for resource mobilization and investments in African countries, with specific case studies on Ethiopia, Morocco and Nigeria. It provides practical assistance to policy makers in designing and implementing strategies which will assist ongoing efforts to not only secure and utilize the multiple opportunities for resource mobilization but also to ensure ongoing retention of these resources in the region.

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Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the Implementation of the African Union Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges in Africa

The development of the Land Policy Initiative Monitoring and Evaluation Framework to assist the African Union (AU) member states in tracking progress in the implementation of the AU Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges is a requirement of the Declaration itself. This document is intended to guide the Land Policy Initiative Secretariat and partners involved at various levels (project, programme, country or regional) in the implementation of the AU Declaration on Land in tracking the performance and results achieved.

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Dynamical Downscaling of GLOSEA5 Seasonal Forecasts over Equatorial Africa with the GA3-based Regional Climate Model

The additional value derived from the dynamical downscaling of an ensemble of GLOSEA5 seasonal hindcasts is investigated over Equatorial Africa for the September–November rainy season, using the Met Office GA3-based regional climate model (RCM) with 25km horizontal resolution. The RCM ability for simulating rainfall's spatial and temporal variability is first assessed through continuous 20-yr (1989–2008) integration over the CORDEX Africa domain, and using time-varying large-scale atmospheric conditions from ERA-Interim reanalysis dataset to drive the edges of the model domain. The ensemble of GLOSEA5 seasonal hindcasts and associated GA3-based RCM seasonal hindcasts are then evaluated in terms of probabilistic and deterministic skill scores for 2005, 2006 and 2012. The results indicate that both the GLOSEA5 and GA3-based RCM seasonal hindcasts capture well the spatial and temporal variability of rainfall, but overestimate the mean rainfall. The hindcasts systematic wet biases are largely inherited from the GLOSEA5 large-scale atmospheric conditions. However, it is shown that the RCM have significant skill and potential for dynamical downscaling of seasonal forecasts over the region.

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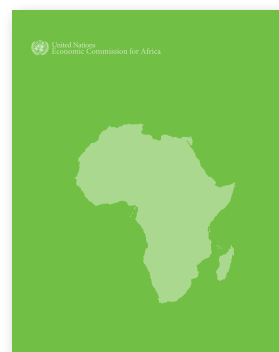


Macroeconomic Policy Framework for Economic Transformation

A key challenge for African countries today is to harmonize policies in order to accelerate and sustain growth for employment generation and reduction of inequality and poverty rates. In the long run, these objectives can only be realized if African countries successfully transform their economies, reducing their current heavy dependence on commodities in favour of high-productivity activities and sectors, in particular manufacturing, modern agriculture and services. In this context, the study examines challenges and opportunities for African Governments to promote structural transformation, focusing on the role of macroeconomic policies.

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Enhancing Water Resources Management through Inclusive Green Economy: A survey of selected projects in the Lake Victoria Basin

Based on literature review and augmented with a survey of selected projects in the Lake Victoria Basin, the paper assesses how inclusive green economy related principles and approaches have been integrated into projects' design, implementation and outcomes. It identifies challenges and opportunities and proffers policy recommendations for promoting inclusive green growth in water resources management in the Basin

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Means of Implementation for Sustainable Development in Africa: Enabling measures for an inclusive green economy in Africa

The overall objective of the study is to explore enabling measures that could facilitate the transition to an inclusive green economy in Africa. To this end, the study: (i) analyses the implications of the transition to an inclusive green economy for Africa; (ii) discusses challenges and opportunities of an inclusive green transformation in Africa, including highlights of best practices and lessons; (iii) identifies and analyses key intervention areas and enablers required for a smooth transition; and (iv) proffers policy implications based on the findings.

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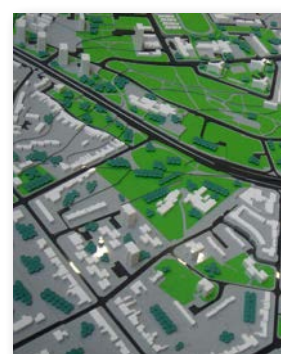


The Land Policy Initiative Institutional Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

The purpose of the Land Policy Initiative institutional Framework, which is inward-looking, is to assess the Land Policy Initiative performance against its prescribed mandate and progress against its stated objectives and outputs, from organizational perspective. The document will also provide a framework to assess Land Policy Initiative own programmes and projects.

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Guidelines on Digitization of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems (CRVS)

The Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Digitization Guidebook is designed as a step-by-step guide that can be used by countries to begin or strengthen the digitization of their CRVS processes and systems. The guidelines will provide web-based resources and practical tools, organized into modules and examples. Accompanying the guidelines will be a web hosted CRVS Africa Learning Network that will facilitate the sharing of knowledge and experiences on digitization processes among global experts and countries.

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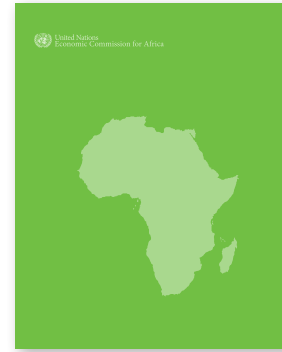


African Addendum to the Principles and Recommendations for the 2020 Round of Population and Housing Censuses Revision 3

This handbook will provide an additional guidance to African countries on the principles and recommendations in the conduct of population and housing censuses keeping in view the African needs, priorities and peculiarities.

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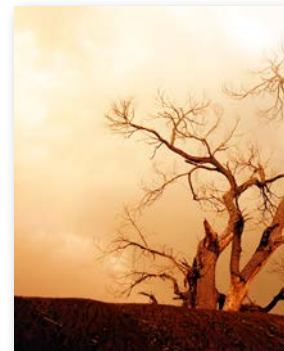


Climate Technology Transfer and Finance: the Deal breaker for Africa in the climate negotiations?

Technology transfer and financing deployment of climate technology deployment have been intractable bottlenecks of the climate negotiations. As the world prepares for the COP21 this year in Paris, the question is whether technology transfer is a necessary requirement of the negotiations and how should technology deployment, adoption and acquisition be facilitated? This report will alternative ways forward with regards to renewable energy technology diffusion and financing in the context of African countries.

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Sensitivity of Systematic Biases in South Asian Summer Monsoon Simulations to Regional Climate Model Domain Size and Implications for Downscaled Regional Process Studies

Global climate models (GCMs) have good skill in simulating climate at the global scale yet they show significant systematic errors at regional scale, particularly for South Asian summer monsoon (SASM) simulations. Those errors not only limit application of such GCM output in driving regional climate models (RCMs) over these regions but also raise questions on the usefulness of RCMs derived from those GCMs. We focus on process studies where the RCM is driven by realistic lateral boundary conditions from atmospheric re-analysis which prevents remote systematic errors from influencing the regional simulation. In this context it is pertinent to investigate whether RCMs also suffer from similar errors when run over regions where their parent models show large systematic errors. Furthermore, the general sensitivity of the RCM simulation to domain size is informative in understanding remote drivers of systematic errors in the GCM and in choosing a suitable RCM domain that minimizes those errors.

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Evaluation of the Added Value of a High-resolution Regional Climate Model Simulation of the South Asian Summer Monsoon Climatology

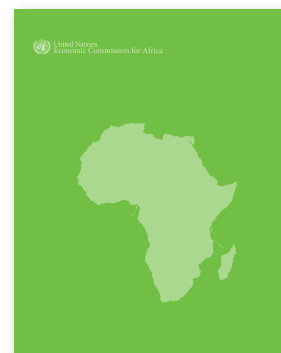


The South Asian summer monsoon (SASM) is a continental scale weather system, which fluctuates at a range of temporal and spatial scales. The majority of current generation global climate models are broadly able to simulate the large scale characteristics of the SASM, but they suffer from major deficiencies such as large errors in the spatial distribution of SASM mean precipitation. Higher resolution, regional climate models (RCMs) have been proposed as options to better simulate fine temporal and spatial scale features and variability, which should lead to an improved mean state. Here, we analyse SASM simulations using a contemporary Hadley Centre RCM, forced by ERA-Interim reanalysis and observed sea surface temperature, at medium (0.44°) and high (0.11°) horizontal resolutions.

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Integrated Assessment Tools and Methodologies for Inclusive Green Economy in Africa



The report provides a comprehensive review and assessment of tools and methodologies for inclusive green economy (IGE) policies in Africa. In addition to the general assessment, Ethiopia is used as a case study to assess and analyze the tools and methodologies that informed the formulation and implementation of the Climate Resilient and Green Economy (CRGE) Strategy of the country. In addition, it provides an analysis of statistical capacity in Africa in general and Ethiopia in particular, in relation to data availability, suitability and quality. The study report informs a subsequent in-depth assessment of tools and methodologies deemed appropriate for analysing IGE policies in Africa.

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Transition to the Green Economy – What are the governance issues?



An analytical paper that will seek to discuss the major governance and policy issues emanating from the transition to the blue economy. The piece will problematize the relationship between the current development policy directions in Africa and the intentions to change these directions towards sustainability and climate sensitivity.

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Report on WSIS+10 and Post 2015 WSIS Agenda for Africa

The report presents the review of the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines in African countries over the past one decade and chart the wayforward in defining Africa's position on post 2015 agenda for the development of the Information Society.

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Africa Can Feed Africa: Translating Climate Knowledge into Action (CCDA-IV Book)

This book will explore the opportunities available to Africa

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Governance Issues in the Transition to the Blue Economy in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

This piece will seek to analyze governance issues specific to the transition to the blue economy in the African SIDS.

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Planning for Africa's Development: Lessons, insights and messages from past and present experiences

Development planning in Africa predates independence and remains an enduring feature of the policymaking landscape. Despite a brief interruption during the Structural Adjustment Programme era, the last decade has witnessed a resurgence of development planning and an evolution in its focus on poverty reduction to a renewed emphasis on structural economic transformation. However, over fifty years of development planning, inclusive economic growth, poverty reduction and structural transformation remain elusive developmental objectives in most African countries. In contrast, development planning has been key to the successful transformation of emerging economies particularly those in Asia. This raises the question of why development planning has not been as effective in orchestrating transformation in Africa and what lessons Africa can take away from its own experiences as well as the experiences of successful transformers. This publication seeks to address both questions through an analysis of the development planning experiences of nine selected African country case studies complemented by desk research on the experiences of selected Asian countries. The report distils the lessons learned from country experiences and identifies their implications for policymakers.

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Leveraging the Africa Mining Vision for Regional Cooperation in Mineral Resources governance

Since the Africa Mining Vision (AMV)'s comparative advantage from other global governance frameworks is that it advocates for extractive resources governance regimes that can bring about developmental outcomes, the study aims at looking at subregional and continental frameworks on extractives in Africa with a view to drawing the gaps and making recommendations on strategies and approaches to ensure alignment with the tenets of the AMV. Successful country case studies within two selected Regional Economic Communities would be used to illustrate best practices.

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Youth and Innovation

Outlines how innovation is becoming an essential mechanism for enabling youth, the State, the private sector, and civil society to build sustainable solutions for addressing the African region's most pressing problems: unemployment, social inclusion, etc. Policy recommendation on STI will be made.

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Modelling and Analysis of African Climates with Special Focus on Island States

This research paper will provide an analysis of our changing earth climate system across the regions of Africa over a range of decision timelines. It provides a set of tools to support the Africa Group of negotiation

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Sustainable Development Goals Report for Central Africa

The report presents an analytical Central Africa subregion's perspective on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Targets and Indicators. It examines the region's priorities on SDGs; and reviews sustainable development issues, challenges and priorities at the regional level. It also proposes a way forward for operationalization/implementation of the SDGs for the subregion.

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Sustainable Development Goals Report for Eastern Africa

The report presents an analytical Eastern Africa subregion's perspective on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Targets and Indicators. It examines the region's priorities on SDGs; and reviews sustainable development issues, challenges and priorities at the regional level. It also proposes a way forward for operationalization/implementation of the SDGs for the subregion.

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Sustainable Development Goals Report for North Africa

The report presents an analytical North Africa subregion's perspective on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Targets and Indicators. It examines the region's priorities on SDGs; and reviews sustainable development issues, challenges and priorities at the regional level. It also proposes a way forward for operationalization/implementation of the SDGs for the subregion.

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Sustainable Development Goals Report for Southern Africa

The report presents an analytical Southern Africa subregion's perspective on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Targets and Indicators. It examines the region's priorities on SDGs; and reviews sustainable development issues, challenges and priorities at the regional level. It also proposes a way forward for operationalization/implementation of the SDGs for the subregion.

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Sustainable Development Goals Report for West Africa

The report presents an analytical West Africa subregion's perspective on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Targets and Indicators. It examines the region's priorities on SDGs; and reviews sustainable development issues, challenges and priorities at the regional level. It also proposes a way forward for operationalization/implementation of the SDGs for the subregion.

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Mitigating Climate Change with Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in Africa: a Landscape of policy and regulatory frameworks

The Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change shows that increased deployment of renewables and implementation of energy efficiency improvement measures are essential for keeping on track to avoid catastrophic climate change. The investments needed for these measures will need to come from the private sector. In Africa, however, the risk premium for attracting such investments is very high, particularly as a result of the lack of policy and regulatory framework clarity, certainty and continuity. This report will evaluate the status quo of policy and regulatory frameworks relating to renewable energy and energy efficiency in all African countries, and highlight best practices that have successfully attracted private sector investments and their potential for greenhouse gas reduction potential, there contributing to informed formulation of intended nationally determined contributions of countries towards the post-2015 climate agreement.

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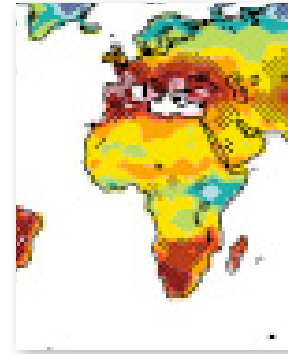


Understanding the Impact of Aerosols and Convection in High Resolution Regional Climate Model Simulations of Extreme Rainfall over Northern and Tropical Africa: Performance assessment of the 12km HadGEM3-RA regional climate model with interactive aerosols and permitting convection

The added value of aerosols and convection permitting in dynamical downscaling of African rainfall variability and extremes across climate and weather timescales is investigated using sets of innovative high resolution limited-area configurations from the Met Office Unified Model (MetUM). Focus is placed on assessing the model performance of the 12km regional climate model configuration with a comprehensive interactive aerosol/dust scheme and permitting convection. A major source of uncertainty in regional climate model (RCM) simulations arises from the parameterisation of sub-grid scale physical processes including convection. With increasing model resolution, approaching the so-called convection permitting scale, it is possible to switch off most of the convection parameterisations.

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Toolkit on the Collection, Analysis and Reporting of Statistics on Women in Informal Cross-border Trade (WICT)

A toolkit to assist African countries to collect, analyze and report on statistics on WICT. The toolkit will also serve as a specific tool that can be used by trade practitioners to better elicit data and analysis for more gender-responsive trade policies and practices.

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Catalysing Mineral Resource-driven Development in Africa through Quality Governance: What does it take?

As there is an emerging consensus that development outcomes in the extractive industry depend on the quality of governance, the paper aims at addressing the following questions: What is quality governance in the extractive industries? What are the main building blocks for managing mineral wealth to transform economies and improve lives? How can the Africa Mining Vision be leveraged to ensure quality governance? What are the main governance issues that affect African countries from unlocking the wealth from the extractive sector to catalyse developmental outcomes? What policy space and orientation is required to precipitate good governance? What institutional arrangements and structures are required for good governance? How can Africa best use the existing global package of governance instruments for the extractive industry? What lessons has the continent learnt from implementing existing frameworks? Can existing international instruments and processes be institutionally embedded in indigenous processes? What is domestic accountability and who should be part of the conversation? What is the ideal institutional framework for governance in the extractives? What indicators can be used to assess the impact of governance frameworks on sustainable development outcomes?

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The Commodity Price Boom and Africa's Recent Growth Performance

This study aims to address the question of whether the recent global commodity price boom has fuelled an increase in government revenue collection and expenditure patterns in Africa. It also examines whether these expenditure patterns have had any impact on the structural transformation process in Africa. This will aid in assessing whether changes in government revenues and expenditures due to commodity price increases have had any impact on Africa's industrialization and structural transformation.

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Review of Investment Policies and Bilateral Investment Treaties Landscape in Africa: Implications for regional integration

The publication seeks to make a contribution to the policy dialogue on Bilateral Investment Agreements and how they can help advance Africa's economic and social transformation. It also examines regional approaches to such agreements and the need to harmonize existing legal frameworks in the context of the regional integration agendas of the Regional Economic Communities (REC), particularly in the areas of trade and investments.

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ClimDev Business Plan – 2015-2020

A planning document outlining ClimDev strategic direction and objectives in terms of resource mobilization, service delivery, and monitoring and evaluation for the next five years. It would define the technical knowledge of ClimDev in terms of bridging the gap between climate change and development, and will sketch out a roadmap for Africa's transition towards a climate resilient development pathway and will be used as a communicative tool to communicate ClimDev's broader aspirations.

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Localisation of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficient Technologies in Africa

The publication will provide a roadmap on how African can play a role in the energy technology value chain depending on the country/region comparative advantages. It will particularly look at solar, pica-hydro and biomass technologies in selected African countries in order to contribute to increased energy access as well as to economic transformation. It mainly addresses those technologies that contributes to rural economic development.

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Review of Industrial Policies and Strategies in Africa

The Review of Industrial Policies and Strategy in Africa will provide relevant information on the development of industrial capabilities across Africa to fill the observed gap in that area. The review will be comprised of quantitative and qualitative data and information on current policies and initiatives regarding industrial development, and on the status and trend of industrial indicators.

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Contemporary Climate Change Knowledge Sharing in Africa

This is an analytical paper that explores the status of knowledge sharing in Africa, as a fundamental prerequisite for responding to climate change

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Impact of Illicit Financial Flows on Domestic Resource Mobilization: Optimizing Africa’s mineral revenues

This study report will review the policy and legal frameworks related to IFF and DRM with respect to the mining industry and provide policy recommendations to mineral-rich African countries on ways of addressing IFF.

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Corruption in Public Procurement in Africa

The report will assess the level of corruption in publication procurement processes in Africa

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Regional Analysis on the Situation of Youth in Africa Report

The report will present a regional analysis of the situation of youth, particularly addressing the five priority areas in the Secretary-General’s Five-Year Action Agenda—employment and entrepreneurship, political inclusion, citizenship and protection of rights, and education, including on comprehensive sexuality education and health.

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Assessing Costs, Benefits and Risks of Large-Scale Land Investment in Africa

This study report provides an assessment of the costs and risks involved with large scale land based investments in Africa in the context of rapid takeover of farmland in Africa as observed in recent years. It describes the potential risks that this rapid and top-down, non-participatory agrarian reform could pose for future food security, rural livelihoods, social cohesion and peace in Africa.

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Climate Governance and Policy in Africa from Kyoto and Beyond: Challenges, issues and prospects

This proposed book will address global climate governance, the development of national climate policies, and linkages between climate and sustainable development in Africa. Several policy briefs will be drawn from the book.

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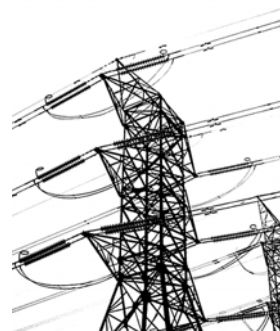


Report on Best Practice in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)

Documents a framework for enforcing patent laws to sustain patent applications and exports based on case studies of four African countries. Policy recommendation on STI will be made.

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National and Regional Legal and Regulatory Frameworks for the Knowledge Economy: ICT policy trends

This report will highlight how Africa performs in the global innovation ecosystem and knowledge economy, focusing on issues like technology development, international collaborative research and knowledge generation; technology applications, etc. Policy recommendation on STI will be made.

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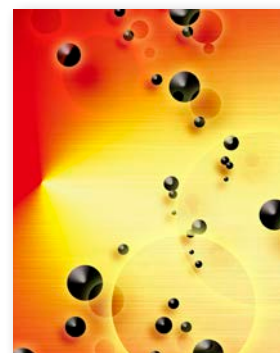


Geology and Mineral Information Systems Strategy

A strategy setting out the AMDC's vision, principles and overarching areas of activity for improving Africa's geology and mineral information systems under the Africa Mining Vision.

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Guidelines on Volunteer Geographic Information

It is a well-known fact that Africa is still not adequately mapped for local and subnational development processes. Considering that local and participatory Geographic Information Systems are useful to ground scientific, high level discussions in practice, the publication aims to develop guidelines in order to properly advise national mapping agencies on volunteer geographic information as a way to increase the mapping coverage of their countries. The publication will introduce the concept and develop a methodology for member States to incorporate the results of such community mapping into their national mapping programmes.

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Operational Guidelines for Advocacy and Information, Education and Communication on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS)

These guidelines are developed to support countries in the development of effective advocacy education and communication strategies and operational plans for civil registration and vital statistics taking into account the African context. The guidelines will compliment the United Nations Statistics Department Handbook on developing Information, Education and Communication for civil registration and vital statistics.

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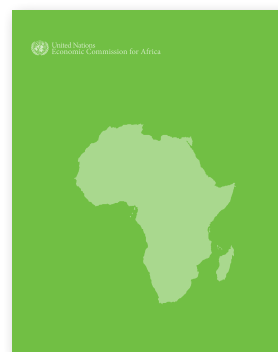


Assessment of Gender Statistics Programmes in Africa

This assessment document contains results of a review of gender statistics in national statistical systems conducted by ECA. It highlights information on how gender perspectives are mainstreamed into national statistical systems, in all traditional areas of statistical production and in emerging areas. It also highlights best practices and challenges for integrating gender into the production and use of statistics.

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Compendium of gender statistics in Africa

The compendium of gender statistics in Africa contains an assessment of the status of gender statistics as well as report on gender statistics programmes and activities in various institutions, such as training centres, regional economic communities, and regional and international organizations. The compendium also provides information on the institutional arrangements and mechanisms of data storage and dissemination, and the capacity-building and training that these institutions have put into place in the area of gender statistics. In so far as the statistical training centres are concerned, the compendium focuses on their curricula, capacity-building activities and in-service training, and details the extent to which these have been engendered.

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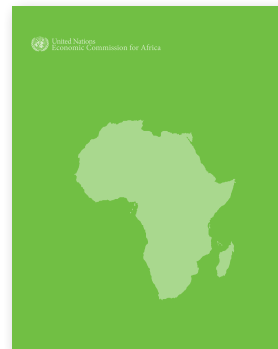


Resolution dependence in simulating the African hydroclimate with the HadGEM3 RA regional climate model

This study documents the effect of horizontal resolution on the ability of the Met Office third-generation Global Atmosphere Regional Climate Model (HadGEM3-RA), a regional atmospheric configuration of the HadGEM3 model, to simulate rainfall variability over Africa using unprecedented high spatial resolution for climate studies over Africa.

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Green Economy as a tool to realizing the New Social Contract in Africa

Africa is confronting the reality that the traditional social contract is no longer tenable or sustainable. With mounting economic, social and political pressures, states are trying to balance reforming the status quo and respecting the pillars supporting state–society relations (the social contract). This balancing act has failed to address the underlying causes: a growth and development model that is increasingly incapable of decoupling growth from growing social inequalities and environmental and natural resources degradation and depletion. Green economy offers an alternative paradigm of viewing the interaction between human activities, social conditions, and the environment. The paper explores how inclusive green economies could promote the realization of the new social contract in Africa.

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Assessing the credibility and uncertainty of the ENSEMBLES regional climate projections over the Congo Basin: simulation of rainfall variability

This study documents the ability of the ENSEMBLES regional climate models (RCMs) in reproducing the variations of rainfall and atmospheric circulations over the western Central Equatorial Africa, and examines the uncertainty associated with simulated future change. It is based on a set of ten RCM simulations performed at 50km resolution using lateral boundary forcings from the ERA-Interim reanalysis, HadCM3Q0 and ECHAM5 global climate model scenarios.

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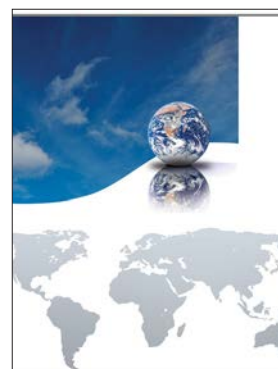


Earth Sciences Information Practices in Africa

A report setting out the range of earth sciences principles, policies and practices in geological surveys and related government organizations, including recommended best practices.

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Financing Earth Sciences Functions in Government in Africa

The report will discuss the interrelated issues of earth sciences funding, institutional arrangements, capacities and availability of earth sciences information. The report will draw heavily from case studies and will recommend possible funding arrangements and institutional arrangements to optimise earth sciences capacities and the availability of earth sciences information for African countries.

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Rethinking of African Agriculture and Rural Transformation in the New Global Context: Challenges, opportunities and strategic policy options

The study assesses the necessary conditions for agricultural success in the new global context drawing from the stock of experiences from within and outside Africa. As such it contributes to the development of a practical policy framework to guide sustained efforts at putting in place the foundations for Africa's successful agricultural and rural transformation. It identifies the necessary conditions that must exist and what it takes to put them in place so as to accelerate the level and pace of Africa's agricultural transformation. The study uses a case studies approach to build on success while learning from a stock of accumulated development mistakes taking a holistic, system wide and longer view to draw lessons from past and for future experiences.

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Youth and Development in Africa: Alternative policy options

The publication will present an in-depth futuristic analysis of alternative policy options for youth for purposes of enriching development policy and decision making for youth in Africa.

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Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) and Forest Governance in Africa – What lessons have we learned?

This analytical paper will seek to review the experiences of REDD+ thus far, and what lessons can be drawn from these experiences for forest governance in Africa. Resources permitting, this could easily be upgraded into a book project.

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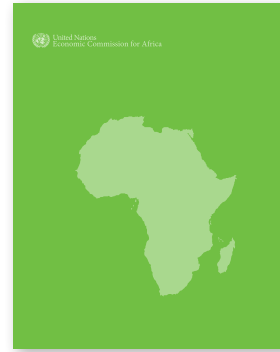


African Statistical Methodologies on the Informal Sector

In Africa, the informal economy can be the source of income for a significant proportion of household. A proper and accurate measurement of informal economy however remains a major challenge, especially when we try to identify the role of informal sector in the productive system of the country and its contribution to the living standards of households across the income generated as well as measuring the contribution of informal sector in the creation of national wealth and economic growth. This technical document is intended to provide a practical and operational guide for measuring the informal sector and procedures for incorporating the informal sector into the compilation of the system of national accounts. It will help harmonizing methodologies used by member states to measure the informal economy for a better comparability of the end results. It will demonstrate how to operationalize international concepts and definitions related to informal sector. It also provides various methods (direct and indirect approaches) to incorporate informal sector into national accounts depending on availability of related informal sector survey, and shares good practices of countries.

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Manual on Compilation of Sustainable Development Indicators

Sustainable development encompasses three pillars namely economic development, social equity, and environmental protection. It has been taken as the post 2015 development agenda with a set of sustainable development goals to be developed as a subsequent follow-up of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by all the countries around the world. The official statistical community represented by the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC) has been requested to launch a program of work in the area of measures of progress to complement Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in order to better inform policy decisions. In Africa, ECA has been a pioneer in producing the Sustainable Development Report on Africa (SDRA) to provide an assessment of the status of sustainable development in the region. For this purpose, a set of sustainable development indicators has been proposed for Africa to be used in the SDRA. However, due to the scarcity of related data at the country level, there is a gap in the official statistics in order to provide the needed data for the compilation of the sustainable development indicators. How to support member States to build up technical capacity to fill in the gap and to come up with the essential statistical data? What sustainable development indicators are most relevant and possible to be compiled for Africa? What are the related data sources and methodology? These are the questions that will be addressed and answered by this technical document.

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United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management: Africa Action Plan : Policy options for the development and promotion of geospatial information management in Africa

The publication aims at proposing a vision as well as developing strategies on holistic governance mechanisms and policies required to guide member States efforts in achieving a better coordination of spatial information infrastructures and resources in Africa. The paper will discuss and assess experiences and outlook on the nexus / intersection between national spatial data infrastructure (NSDI) and other national e-strategies. It will analyse the current trends, needs and prospects as well as the critical issues and challenges in setting up a pan-African geospatial information management cluster. The publication will further develop and validate a road map outlining a framework of actions with related responsibilities, timescales and costs.

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Prospects for Renewable Energy and Climate Change in Africa

Countries are currently formulating their intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs) as actions they propose to make on climate change mitigation / adaptation towards the new climate agreement in 2015. In addition to INDCs and various national sustainable development goals, some countries have over the years been formulating technology needs assessments (TNAs) and nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs) under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). A number of African countries have also carried out, together with IRENA, renewable energy readiness assessments (RRA). This report will present results of analyses of the renewable energy and energy efficiency technology options identified from the INDCs, NAMAs, TNAs and RRAs of selected countries (about 5). The analyses, using IRENA's Remap 2030 tool framework, will be done in collaboration with IRENA and the selected countries. The results will show the multiple benefits of greenhouse gas emission reductions, green jobs and investment opportunities if the identified options are deployed over a given time period. The results will also indicate the investments required, and hence assist countries in mobilising resources for their implementation.

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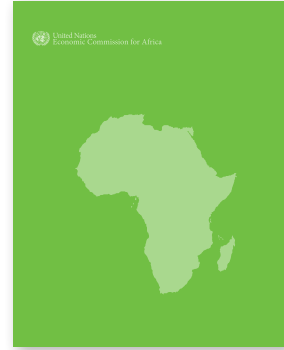


The Multiple Dimensions of Bioenergy and Climate Change in Africa

Of all the renewable energy sources, bioenergy is the most complex with multiple feedstock, multiple conversion pathways, multiple end uses, and multiple environmental impacts. Over the years different civilisations have at different stages depended heavily on biomass for their energy needs, particularly through traditional uses. This continues to be the case today, especially in Africa. Modern use of biomass in all sectors (power, industry, residential and transport) has a potentially transformative role to play in the global drive to double the share of renewables in the world's energy mix. For example, the demand for bioenergy in 2010 was 53 exajoules, equivalent in energy terms to just over 9 billion barrels of oil. This demand is predicted to more than double by 2030. This report will attempt to unpack the complexities and paradoxes of bioenergy and climate change by assessing how, in the case of Africa, the increasing demand for bioenergy can be met whilst addressing aspects of climate change mitigation and adaptation, and appropriately addressing the water, social and land use issues associated with biomass production and use.

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Report on Inclusive Green Economy and Structural Transformation in Selected African Countries

The report assesses how the existing IGE policies are linked with the structural transformation plans and implementation processes. It reviews the contributions of the IGE policies to Africa's transformation agenda. In response to various calls made on transitioning to IGE in the region, the report is intended to enhance understanding, and promoting the adoption of, inclusive green economy policies that will contribute to achieving structural transformation goals in Africa.

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Use of Mobile Technology in Volunteer Mapping

Volunteer Geographic Information (VGI) is digital spatial data collected voluntarily by citizens. In the past few years there has been rapid growth of interest in VGI. Field spatial data collection and mobile mapping using hand held devices became possible. VGI has a potential to be a significant source of information for different applications including disaster management. This new source of geospatial data will be important for Africa where community mapping activities enhance participation and decision making based on local knowledge. The publication discusses the use of mobile technology and VGI and recommends the national mapping authorities to utilize it to build and update their national geospatial datasets, and improve the availability and currency of the countries fundamental and thematic datasets

Issue date: December 2015

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Africa Regional Report - Habitat III

The report will provide an analysis of the regional position and report of progress made to commitments that relate to urbanization, human settlements and inclusive urban agenda. .

Issue date: December 2015

Availability:  



Country Mining Vision (CMV) Guidebook: Domesticating the African Mining Vision (AMV)

Step-by-step guide for strategic assessment, identification of instruments for policy dialogue and sector analysis and mechanisms for conducting stakeholders consultations, along with steps for policy design and for the formulation, implementation, and monitoring of a CMV or AMV-compliant mineral policy

Issue date: December 2015

Availability:  



Beijing +20 Africa Review Report

Main report of the Beijing +20 African Review

Issue date: December 2015

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Land Grabbling in Africa: Key gender issues and policy

Land grabbing has become a critical emerging issue for African farmers especially women. It threatens to exacerbate one of the biggest constraints facing women i.e. land ownership. The issues paper will contribute to bringing the gender and women's issues into the current policy debate on land grabbing in Africa so as to draw the attention of policy makers of the negative effects of the issues on women farmers and food security on the continent the main. Targeted policy actions and programming to protect women's socio-economic rights will be defined.

Issue date: December 2015

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Communications and Advocacy Strategy for Land Policy Initiative (LPI)

The LPI communications and advocacy strategy (2015-2020) provides strategic approaches in the design and dissemination of messages that can increase awareness, change attitudes and practices, and influence policies and the legal framework on land matters on the continent, in support of the implementation of the African Union Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges in Africa.

Issue date: December 2015

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Status of Agriculture in a Changing Climate in Africa

A technical report prepared by ECA in partnership with the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS) programme of the Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research Centers (CGIAR). The publication is in response to a request by the African Group of Negotiators and will contain analyses of the opportunities and challenges in transforming African agriculture in a changing climate.

Issue date: December 2015

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Compendium on Women in Artisanal and Small-scale Mining in Africa (ASM)

The Compendium will showcase experiences of women artisans in mining, highlighting opportunities and challenges as well as financial mechanisms that exist in order to up-grade to commercial viability for transformative economic empowerment in line with ECA's industrialization agenda

Issue date: December 2015

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Gender and Mining in Africa Report

A report on mining legislations and their implications for artisanal miners (this will address the gender dimensions and implications)

Issue date: December 2015

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Unlocking Africa's Forest Potential in a Green Economy: Impact on economic transformation

This is an analytical paper that explores the potential of forest resources as a driver of economic growth and sustainable use of forest and land resources for economic development and poverty reduction.

Issue date: December 2015

Availability:  



Desktop Review of Geological Survey Organisation Capacities and Gaps in Africa

The desktop study looks at assessments of Geological Survey Organisation (GSO) capacities across Africa and over time, including the root causes of deficiencies in GSO capacities. The study also looks at the levels of need for various types of geological information for example related to minerals, energy and hazards, and assesses the gaps in capacity relative to these needs. The study serves as an input to the development of a Geology and Mineral Information Systems Strategy for the African Minerals Development Centre (AMDC).

Issue date: December 2015

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Ageing and Development in Small Islands Developing States in Africa

The paper will assess the nexus between ageing and development in Africa's small islands developing state. The paper will recommend relevant policies, interventions and strategies that are needed to integrate ageing issues in the development agenda.

Issue date: December 2015

Availability:  



Status of Food and Nutritional Security in Africa 2014

This report provides an update of the status of food and nutrition security in Africa. It discusses the drivers including the root causes of food insecurity in Africa still not well addressed. It enhances the understanding of member States and policy makers on pertinent issues on food and nutrition security in Africa. It provides policy recommendations to enhance capacity and engagement at the national, sub regional and regional levels in order to successfully implement and monitor the commitments of Malabo Declaration in the next 10 years.

Issue date: December 2015

Availability:  



Strategic Agricultural Commodity Value Chain in Africa: The regional approach

The study highlights a regional value chain model focused on the development of agribusiness and agro industries with the potential increased participation of small holders in the chain at national level first, then through identification of preferential agro ecological zones, recommend regional value chain for economies of scale, of complementarity, of vertical integration, through comparative and competitive advantages of different countries. It recommends and focuses on a specific model for Africa where improvement of small scale farming through increase productivity will inform and trigger increase manufacturing, development, agribusiness and agro industries development, which through the trickledown effect will create job, increase income, increase production (increase food) and productivity and decrease poverty.

Issue date: December 2015


Availability:  



Non Tariff Barriers

With trade liberalization, at multilateral and bilateral levels, leading to a gradual decline in tariffs, non-tariff barriers (NTBs) have been paid increasing attention in the international trade debate. The study maps the nature and prevalence of non-tariff barriers (NTBs) within African economies, highlighting their growing relevance in the context of emerging international supply chains. In addition, it reviews some evidence on the impact of NTBs, and draws some policy recommendations on the opportunities that the removal of NTBs can offer for the expansion of intra-African trade.

Issue date: December 2015

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Recent Trends in South-South Trade

Africa's trade with Southern partners has witnessed a sharp intensification over the last decade, and accounts for nearly half of Africa's total merchandise trade. Yet, it is a rather under-researched topic, which is often overlooked by African policy-makers themselves. The technical paper will analyze recent trends in Africa's trade with Southern partners, discussing related implications for the proposed Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) and the continent's transformation prospects. The study will look at the dynamism of South-South trade, as well as at the prevailing pattern of specialization, and its implications in terms of export diversification. It will also assess the extent to which preferential schemes granted by many developing countries to LDCs have fostered the boom in South-South trade relations.

Issue date: December 2015

Availability:  



Improving Access to Land and Strengthening Land Rights of Women in Africa

This study contributes to the implementation of the AU Declaration on land through providing evidence in support of gender mainstreamed land policies in Africa. It clarifies the interrelations between secured women access to and ownership of land and Africa's socio-economic sustainable and environmental development. The report documents some of most promising experiences of strengthening the rights of rural women to agricultural land resources and makes concrete recommendations for follow-up actions.

Issue date: December 2015

Availability:  



Large Scale Land Based Investments in Africa – Synthesis Report

Unless reliable information is made available to African decision makers, it is not possible for them to respond adequately to the growing pressure by foreign investors to access African land resources. The study provides evidence on the current state of land allocation to investors and documents the extent to which allocated land resources are being developed and meet the economic expectations of African Governments. It provides strategic guidance to decision makers on how to better take advantage of the flow of investments in the Agricultural sector and maximize expected economic benefits while minimizing associated risks for the land rights and livelihoods of African communities.

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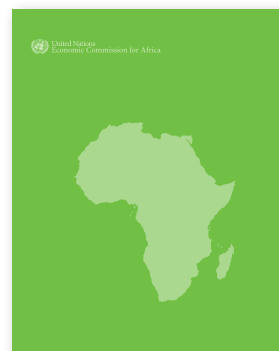


Framework for Capacity Development on Land Policy

The Framework revisits the concept of capacity development for land policy as going beyond the usual perception of a series of ad hoc and uncoordinated training activities, to embrace a perspective of continuous and comprehensive learning and adaptation process through which individuals, organizations and societies enhance their ability to successfully manage change in the land sector. Building on experiences of Good practice training, the Framework guides the readers through key principles of effective capacity development for enhanced land governance in Africa.

Issue date: December 2015

Availability:  



Climate Change, Land Policy and Large Scale Land Acquisitions in Africa – Implications for African agriculture and food Security

This analytical paper (also easily upgradeable to a book project) will seek to explore the intersections between climate change and climate mitigation policies (large scale land acquisitions, the relocation of bio-fuel production operations to Africa, the displacement of small farmers and loss of local land rights), with agricultural development policies in Africa. The paper will interrogate the implications of these policies for food security with special emphasis on the production of new vulnerabilities by the contemporary agricultural development policies in the face of climate change in Africa.

Issue date: December 2015

Availability:  



Review of Health, Safety, Environment, Labour Standards, Working Conditions and Human Rights in Artisanal & Small-Scale Mining (ASM) in Africa

The Compendium on ASM and Gender- showcasing experiences of women artisans, highlighting opportunities and challenges as well as financial mechanisms that exist to support their up-grading to commercial viability.

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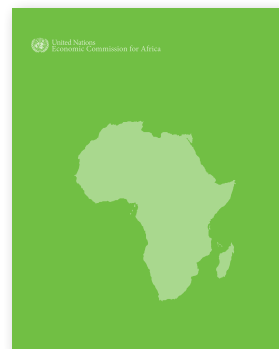


Guidelines on the Management of Civil Registration Backlogs

Following the many years of stagnation of civil registration systems, many African countries are faced with enormous backlogs of none registered vital events which affect the smooth running of the systems. The guidelines for management of civil registration backlogs are set provide systematic guidance to countries on how to address the backlog problems while running the mainstream system. The guidelines are specifically useful since there are no international principles and guidelines addressing this matter

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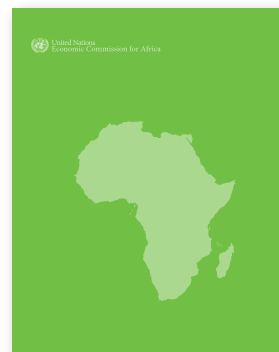


Manual to Develop National Gender Statistics Programmes

The manual will provide guidance to the countries to develop a national gender statistics programme that will lead to mainstreaming gender in the national statistical system in a systematic manner. This will include assessment process, development of plans, possible activities, coordination mechanism and monitoring and evaluation framework.

Issue date: December 2015

Availability:  



Manual on the Organization and Management of National Statistical Institutes in Africa

The Manual on the organization and management of National Statistical Institutes in Africa builds on some relevant elements of Manual on statistical organisation that can be applied in African national statistical institutes. Several parts of Manual of the United Nations on the organisation of statistical services come to feed the manual. This one concerns mainly the questions of institutional organisation and of management of NSIs. The issue of methodological organisation are also tackled as the answers to these issues vary according to the general environment and the available resources.

Issue date: December 2015

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Meteorological Capacity in Africa

This paper provides an assessment of the effectiveness of human and technical infrastructure of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and Regional climate Centres in providing climate services to manage climate risks in Africa.

Issue date: December 2015

Availability:  



Dynamical Downscaling over South America Using the HadGEM3-RA Regional Climate Model: Evaluation of model performance

The performance of two physical configurations of HadGEM3RA, a merged forecast and climate dynamical downscaling systems derived from the Met Office Unified Model, in reproducing key features of present-day climate over South and Central America has been evaluated following the Coordinated Regional climate Downscaling Experiment (CORDEX) evaluation framework. HadGEM3RA configurations have been nested within the Era-Interim reanalysis and integrated for the 1989-2008 period with a 50km horizontal grid-spacing over both the CORDEX South American and Central American domains. Characteristics of near surface temperature and atmospheric circulations are well captured over most of the regions. The results indicate good agreement between the regional climate models and the available observational datasets, although there are persisting errors over the South American monsoon region.

Issue date: December 2015

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Country Profiles by Subregion

The country profiles will produce evidence-based policy advice in support of the development agenda of member States in each subregion. They will provide economic and social data, institutional and policy information, forecasts, policy and risk analysis and recommendations. They serve a number of clients, including member States, domestic and international investors, researchers, civil society, analysts, policy and decision makers in Africa and beyond. Related activities will include collecting, compiling and analyzing quality, comparable and harmonized statistics at the country level and carrying out policy and risk analysis with the aim of providing evidence-based policy advice for the subregions.

Issue date: March – December 2015

Availability:  



Economic Growth and Inequality in Southern Africa: Issues and policy options

The study examines the relationship between economic growth and inequality in Southern Africa, the consequences for countries in the region and the policy options that may remedy this trend. It takes a comparative perspective of countries in the region, but drawing strongly on country experiences, good practices, policy gaps and lessons learned, and proffers key policy options and recommendations. This is against the background that Southern Africa is slowly becoming the epicenter of economic activity in Africa with a combined GDP in excess of US\$ 700 billion in 2013, much more than any other African subregion. However, this growth pattern has been accompanied by a high level of inequality. Southern Africa is one of the most inequitable region in the World with implications for poverty, social exclusion and alienation and the prospects of sustained economic growth.

Issue date: June 2015

Availability:  



Report on Progress and Prospects for Macroeconomic Convergence in the Central African Sub-region

Issue date: June 2015

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Progress Report on Regional and International Agendas and other Special Initiatives in the Central African Sub-region

Issue date: June 2015

Availability:  



Energy Security Policy Framework for the East African Community (EAC)

Regional energy security policy framework document for the EAC aimed at providing regional guidance in managing energy security in the region.

Issue date: June 2015

Availability:  



Sustainable Deployment of Renewable Energy Technologies in Djibouti

Report based on field research aimed at developing a framework for sustainable deployment of energy technologies in Djibouti.

Issue date: June 2015

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Sustainable Development of Renewable Energy Technologies in Rwanda

Report based on field research aimed at developing a framework for sustainable deployment of energy technologies in Rwanda.

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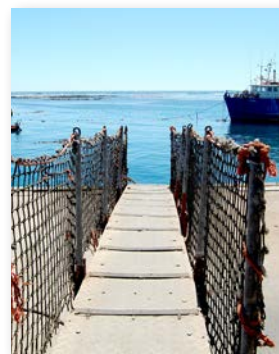


Handbook on the Development of Blue Economy Strategies in the Western Indian Ocean Island (WIO) States

A well-documented handbook aimed to support WIO Island States in better understanding the concept of blue economy and its application, as well as developing/strengthening, mainstreaming and implementing sound national blue economy policies. The publication will include several chapters detailing definitions and approaches, ecological and socio-economic drivers, potential of key productive sectors for sustainable development in the context of the blue economy, tools to design holistic policy documents, and key measures to enhance implementation as well as stakeholders' involvement and innovative partnerships, among others.

Issue date: June 2015

Availability:  



Agro-industry Development for Food and Nutritional Security in Southern Africa

The report will explore the status of agro-industrial development in Southern Africa and examine the potential it can play in improving food and nutrition security. Specifically the study will analyze value addition in agricultural products or commodities, via agro-processing, as an integral part of subregional and national industrial policy strategies to address, among others, food and nutrition security challenges.

Issue date: June 2015

Availability:  



Accelerating Industrialization in Southern Africa through Beneficiation and Value Addition

The study will be prepared for tabling at the 21st Session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts for Southern Africa. The overall aim of the study is to interrogate prospects, constraints and challenges to value addition and beneficiation and agro-industry development and will critically examine the various national and sub regional strategies to address the challenges. The report will also highlight specific examples on how beneficiation and value addition can spur industrialization.

Issue date: June 2015

Availability:  



Synthesis Report - Status and Outlook of Maize, Rice and Livestock Value Chains

The report summarizes all the findings of the different studies on integrated maize, rice and livestock value chains in targeted countries. The report identifies the value chains actors and related business linkages from input supply to product markets; the governance of the chains, mainly the decision making to decrease the transaction costs; the chain performance including efficiency in value adding, gender equity and sustainability; and the need for capacity building in various segments along the maize value chains in three RECS: ECOWAS, COMESA and SADC. The report shows the available database on maize, rice livestock value chain and the results from analytical models on key indicators such as prices, yield, area and production. The level of adoption and diffusion of the climate smart technologies are also assessed in the report. The constraints, opportunities and linkages between actors across agro-ecological zones are also identified. The report provides a policy research analytical support tool kit along policy recommendations to strengthen the capacity of policy makers in designing sustainable integrated regional value chains in COMESA, EAC, SADC and ECOWAS.



Issue date: July 2015

Availability:  

Assessment of Progress on Millennium Development Goals and Post-2015 Perspectives

Based on the monitoring of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and available indicators in West Africa, the ECA Subregional Office for West Africa will produce report on data analysis related to relevant achievements of the member States in translating the principles of NEPAD and the MDGs into national development programmes

Issue date: September 2015

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Regional Infrastructure and its Impact on the Free Trade Area in West Africa

An assessment of the infrastructural linkages between West African countries, including the status of TAH (Trans-African Highways) in the subregion, as well as ICT and energy network interconnections and other means of communication between countries. The level of intra-regional trade is very low since decades, only 13% in 2012 and weak or lack of infrastructure could be one of the root causes. Therefore, the awareness of the member countries should be drawn on such a situation at a moment where West Africa should start its preparation to join the Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) by 2017 as recently decided by the Heads of States.



Issue date: October 2015

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Intellectual Property Systems in the SADC Region: Strengthening regional cooperation through policy harmonization

The report reviews the intellectual property landscape in the SADC region. It also examines the interface between intellectual property rights and competition policy, and explores national intellectual property experiences with the aim of facilitating the implementation of sub regional intellectual provisions. Further the publication reviews options for regional cooperation on intellectual property, recommends a framework for cooperation, and defines measures that can be taken by SADC Secretariat to influence and promote the use of IP in business strategies.

Issue date: October 2015

Availability:  



Industrialization for Transformation and Sustainable Development in Southern Africa - Addressing the gaps

The publication presents an in-depth assessment of the status and nature of industrialization and economic transformation in Southern African, and identifies the constraining challenges and gaps with a view to recommending appropriate, effective and efficient measures to address them. Specifically, the report reviews national development frameworks of all member States of the sub-region focusing on their existing policies on industrialization vis-à-vis sub-regional and continental commitments on industrialization agenda, programmes and initiatives; assesses the implementation and performance of these commitments in relation to the successful realization or otherwise of the envisaged outcomes and impact on economic transformation, enhancing growth and poverty reduction, fostering trade, promoting regional integration, and ensuring sustainable development; and analyses the nature and extent of the identified key issues critical to industrializing and transforming the sub-region.

Issue date: October 2015

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Making Natural Resources Work for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development

The publication was tabled at the 20th Session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts for Southern Africa, held in March 2014. The report aims at supporting member States to add value to their natural resources thereby helping them to meet their developmental challenges. Southern Africa has abundant natural resources that can achieve inclusive growth and sustainable development goals through job creation, food security, and effective and efficient social services delivery. Specifically, the study examines the following issues: (i) reworking the mineral tax regimes and incentives to ensure that the benefits of the exploitation of mineral resources accrue equitably to the citizens; (ii) the roles of the foreign private sector in the exploitation of Africa's land resources, and how to address the sensitivities stemming from the land renting; (iii) addressing capacity issues related to optimal harvesting of sea resources and the protection of sea territory against illegal foreign harvesting; (iv) optimal arrangements for exploitation of regional resources such as shared water resources and forestry, be harnessed as part of a regional resource mobilization effort; and (v) way to address the practical difficulties related to the management of shared natural resources such waterways, parks, fisheries and forestry.

Issue date: October 2015

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Harnessing the Blue Economy for Eastern Africa's Development

Description of the socio-economic challenges and opportunities in the sub-region, in particular WIO Island States and Coastal countries in leveraging untapped opportunities in various sectors of the blue economy (fisheries, strategic maritime routes, minerals resources, tourism, etc.) and addressing potential threats linked to climate change and natural disasters.

Issue date: October 2015

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Leveraging Intra-regional Migration for Development in the East African Community (EAC) Region

The paper seeks to review existing migration policies and patterns in light of developments in the EAC and further explore opportunities for structural transformation

Issue date: October 2015

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Progress Report on the Implementation of Regional including International Developments Agendas in West Africa

Based on the monitoring of MDGs and available indicators in West Africa SRO-WA will produce report on data analysis related to relevant achievements of the member States in translating the principles of NEPAD and the MDGs into national development programmes

Issue date: October 2015

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African Social Development Index: Sub-regional Report for Southern Africa

The Report will include the results of the application of the ASDI in 8 countries in Southern Africa, including Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Mauritius, Malawi, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Issue date: October 2015

Availability:  



The Role of the Industrial Sector in the Development of Green Economy in North Africa

The study will analyze the experiences of companies to integrate sustainable development and develop green industries; it will also identify best practices as well as their constraints and expectations. The lessons learned from this analysis will guide the definition of the necessary conditions for the business contribution to the national effort of structural transformation of economies, the efficient use of natural resources and reduction of poverty and inequality.

Issue date: December 2015

Availability:  



Finance and Growth in West Africa

Is financial development good for growth? While an established literature has found so, recent research reveals evidence of a nonlinear relationship between financial sector development and growth. The findings suggest that while more finance may unfold high marginal effects at lower levels of financial sector development, the marginal effects of financial sector development may decrease or even become negative after a certain threshold. In this research project, we investigate what these findings imply for West Africa. Characterized by relatively low financial sector development, West African economies should experience high marginal benefits from financial sector development. But does this prediction indeed materialize?

Issue date: December 2015

Availability:  



Economic Report on Africa (ERA) 2015: Chapters 4 and 5

Chapter 4 and 5 of ERA 2015 aim to review the available empirical evidence in order to assess whether and how Africa's trade performance has supported the continent's transformation agenda and in particular the extent to which it fostered industrialisation. The analysis looks at African countries' trade performance in the global context, characterized by the emergence of Global Value Chains (GVCs), and the surge of Preferential Trade Agreements, whether bilateral or regional. These chapters also examine whether and how the current regional integration model reflects Africa's industrialisation ambitions and how it can be improved to accelerate Africa's economic transformation.

Issue date: January 2015

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Developmental Mining in Eritrea

The research aims at providing a preliminary analysis of the Eritrean mining sector by reviewing its current and potential impact on the implementation of national development objectives and the promotion of inclusive growth. The research will also assess current platforms for stakeholders' engagement in the design and launch of mining operations; a review of the institutional and human capacity issues that represent specific challenges for the sector will be also carried out.

Issue date: June 2015

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Inclusive Green Growth Case Studies- South Africa

The report provides a comprehensive analysis of South Africa's experience in the implementation of inclusive green growth. It describes the overall policy framework and mechanisms to promote Inclusive Green Growth, and documents good practices in selected sectors. It analyses key successes, challenges, good practices and lessons learnt, as well as their implication for policy, including policy options to foster Inclusive Green Growth in the selected sectors.

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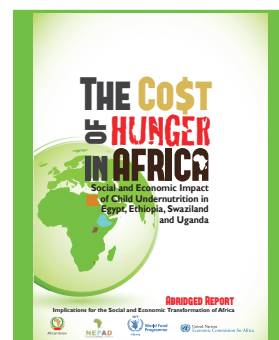


Cost of Hunger - Malawi

The report will present the results of the social and economic impact of child undernutrition in the country and policy recommendations

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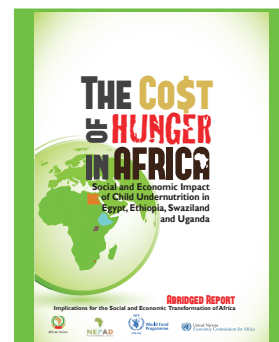


Cost of Hunger - Burkina Faso

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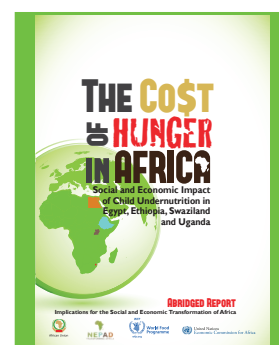


Cost of Hunger - Ghana

The report will present the results of the social and economic impact of child under nutrition in the country and policy recommendations

Issue date: June 2015

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Determinants of Firm Investments – Evidence from automated teller machine utilization in the Ethiopian Banking Industry

This research paper aims at understanding the drivers of investment demand in the banking industry in Ethiopia. It also presents a Panel Poisson model of count to explain ATM investment choice within the sector.

Issue date: June 2015

Availability:  



Mineral Taxation Regimes in Four African Mining Countries Provisions

A summary of studies on mining and related taxation regimes from four countries.

Issue date: June 2015

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Assessing the Contribution of ICTs to Ethiopia's Recent Economic Growth Performance

The paper provides evidence based research work that can assess the contribution of ICTs to the recent economic growth performance in Ethiopia.

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Assessing the Contribution of ICTs to Senegal's Recent Economic Growth Performance

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Inclusive Green Growth Case Studies- Ghana

The report provides a comprehensive analysis of Ghana's experience in the implementation of inclusive green growth. It describes the overall policy framework and mechanisms to promote inclusive green growth, and documents good practices in selected sectors. It analyses key successes, challenges, good practices and lessons learnt, as well as their implication for policy, including policy options to foster inclusive green growth in the selected sectors.

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Inclusive Green Growth Case Studies- Morocco

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Issue date: June 2015

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Selected Case Studies on Inclusive Green Growth in Africa

This report will highlight success stories on inclusive green growth in Africa. Four areas will be targeted: Agriculture, Ecosystems services, Energy and enabling measure for inclusive green growth.

Issue date: July 2015

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Report on Inclusive Green Economy (IGE) Policies and Structural Transformation in Ethiopia

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Issue date: September 2015

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Report on Inclusive Green Economy and Structural Transformation in Tunisia

The report assesses how the existing IGE policies are linked with the structural transformation plan and implementation processes and, reviews the contributions of the IGE policies to Tunisia's transformation agenda. The intent is to enhance understanding, and promote the adoption of, inclusive green economy policies that will contribute to achieving structural transformation goals in Tunisia and, Africa in general.

Issue date: September 2015

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Report on Inclusive Green Economy and Structural Transformation in Gabon

The report assesses how the existing IGE policies are linked with the structural transformation plan and implementation processes and, reviews the contributions of the IGE policies to Gabon's transformation agenda. The intent is to enhance understanding, and promote the adoption of, inclusive green economy policies that will contribute to achieving structural transformation goals in Gabon and, Africa in general.

Issue date: September 2015

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Assessing the Contribution of ICTs to Nigeria's Recent Economic Growth Performance

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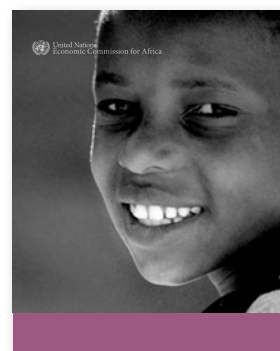


Social Protection as an Instrument to Build a State-Citizen Social Contract

The issues paper will present the historical development of social protection in Africa – from the traditional 3Ps to a more transformative/inclusive dimension of social protection. The paper will focus in particular on the ideological/political underpinnings as well as on empirical evidence – including the role of the developmental state and the politics of social protection in building strong state-citizen social contracts in Africa.

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Report on Inclusive Green Economy Policies and Structural Transformation in Mozambique

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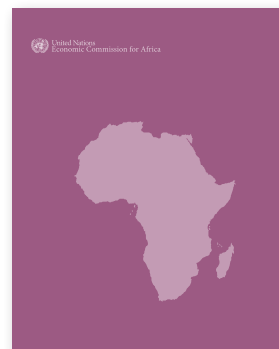


Background Document on Capacity Development in Africa

Based on a review of key principles conveyed by the Framework and Guidelines in Africa, the report assesses capacity development needs for the participatory development and implementation of comprehensive, inter-sectoral and inclusive land policy in Africa. It provides a mapping of key learning centers on land policy and Governance in Africa and discusses key stakeholders of capacity development.

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Effective Land Administration Systems in Africa

The study provides information on the current state of land administration systems in Africa and identify key gaps and inadequacies toward land rights delivery systems which are effective, and do not marginalize the majority of land users whose legitimate rights refers to customary land systems and institutions which are not recognized by existing laws. Building on the documentation of best practices from all regions of the continent and from other parts of the world, the report provides guidance on the development of more effective land administration systems in Africa.

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Study on Local Land Use Planning in Niger

The study contributes to piloting of the implementation of AU Declaration on land at country level through assisting Niger in addressing one of the major impediment to effective implementation of the national rural land law.. It clarify the role of land use planning as a tool to guide informed decision making for land related investments and for the prevention of disputes and conflicts related to competing use of land resources for different economic purposes. The study documents experiences of local land use planning in other African countries and provides a solid foundation for enhancing the development and implementation of land use plans in Niger.

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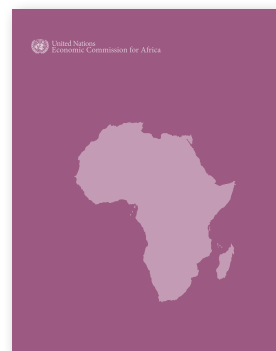


Technical Guides and Tools for Integrated Implementation of VGGT and Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy (F&G) in Africa

Technical guiding tools to galvanize the efforts of leaders of African member States, policy makers, officials of African organizations, RECs and African Platforms of CSOs towards effective synergies in implementing the African Agenda on Land Policy using both guidelines (Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa (F&G) and Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT)).

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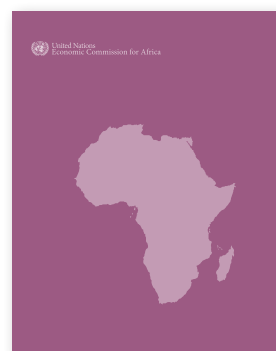


Mainstreaming Land Policy and Governance in Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme

In order to mainstream land policy and governance in NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA)/ in Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) programs, Land Policy Initiative commissioned a study to identify the gaps and entry points for future program design and intervention. The study recommends the need for the design of joint collaborative projects to address the gaps in mainstreaming land policy and governance in the programs of NPCA/ CAADP, at Regional Economic Communities and also at country's national agricultural investment plans.

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African Statistical Newsletter

The African Statistical newsletter aims to supplement the efforts of the African Statistical Journal to provide a platform for sharing knowledge and information about statistical methodologies and their application to solve practical problems in Africa. It covers all activities and news deemed to be of interest to the African statistical community, ranging from statistical advocacy to institutional development including capacity building and technical assistance, to specific statistical activities like censuses and surveys. The articles and photographs published are written and submitted by experts practicing statistics in Africa and the rest of the world who are interested in statistical development in Africa.

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Policy Brief - Macroeconomic policy framework for economic transformation

This policy brief will be based on the thematic report indicated above.

Issue date: June 2015

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Policy Briefs - Manufacturing future regional value chains in Africa towards 2025

The policy briefs will be informed by baseline studies on the whole chain of three selected commodities in 10 African countries. The briefs will highlight the characteristics of economies of scale, economies of vertical integration, and economies of complementarity; and based on these economies, will explore the potential to expand regional value chains on the continent.

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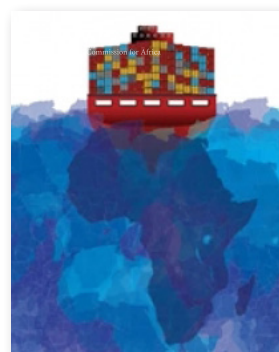


Policy Brief - Industrializing through trade

This will be based on the issues and policy recommendations of the Economic Report on Africa 2015

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Guidelines and Legal Provisions to Address Transfer-Pricing

A set of practical guidelines on how to curb transfer pricing practices, including legal provisions for achieving this.

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Booklet on Africa Mining Vision Compact with Business Leaders in Africa

A booklet outlining how business can comply and contribute to the realization of Africa Mining Vision.

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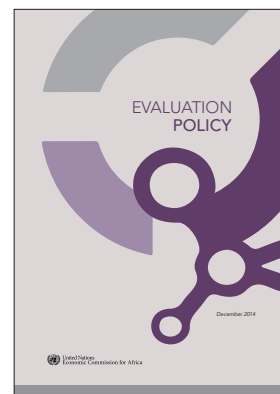


Evaluation Policy

The document sets out the evaluation policy of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), which enters into force in December 2014. It explains the objectives, roles and functions of evaluation within ECA, defines the institutional framework within which evaluation operates and outlines the general processes by which it is made operational. The policy governs ECA's evaluation function and applies to all initiatives supported and funded by ECA. It is aligned with the norms and standards of the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG), but tailored to ECA's unique mandate and role to promote policy research and knowledge delivery in supporting the social and economic transformation of Africa.

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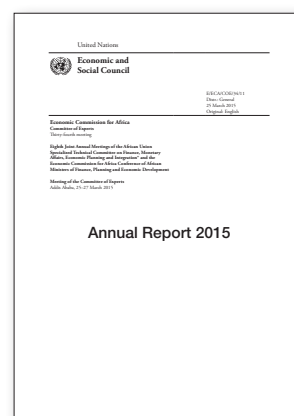


ECA Annual Report - 2015

The report provides an overview of ECA annual implementation of its Biennial program of work. It highlights key results achieved, business performances and challenges, outcomes of program quality assurance, evaluations and lessons learned. It summarises the main issues arising from the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, including the Annual meeting of the Commission, Intergovernmental Committees of Experts of the Subregional Offices.

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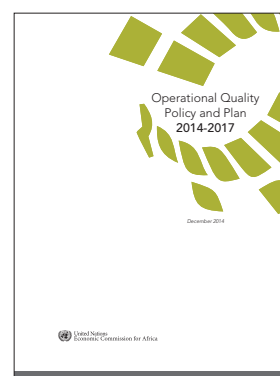


Operational Quality Policy and Plan 2014-2017

The Operational Quality Policy and Plan 2014-2017 outlines the ECA quality assurance policy for the period from 2014 to 2017. The document provides a framework to guide the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of quality assurance activities at ECA. The document comprises six parts including the introduction. Part 2 discusses the salient features of the new ECA business model from a quality assurance perspective and summarizes past quality assurance efforts at ECA. The ECA approach to quality assurance is highlighted in Part 3. This part includes definitions of quality and quality assurance, and outlines ECA quality policy and related guiding principles. Part 4 presents the 2014-2017 Quality Assurance Policy, outlining the policy objectives and associated activities, outputs and outcomes, the organizational arrangement for quality assurance, resources for implementing the policy, and the action plan for the period from 2014 through 2017. Part 6 describes the risks that may adversely affect implementation of the policy.

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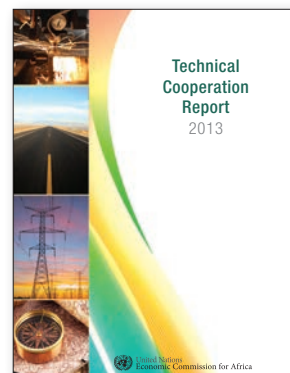


Technical Cooperation Report 2014

Presents the progress made in 2014 in the implementation of ECA Technical Cooperation Trust Fund activities, focusing on the main results and accomplishments and highlighting challenges and lessons learned. The report also highlights the importance of strategic partnerships and dialogue in the delivery of results; and present the status of funding support received from ECA partners during the reporting period.

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ECA Enhanced Strategic Planning and Accountability System

Strategic planning and accountability system of the ECA

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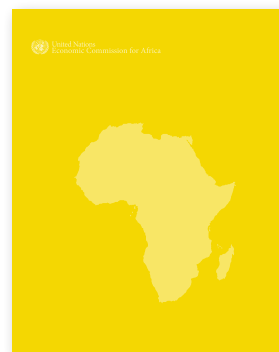


Quality Assurance Manual

The Quality Assurance Manual will provide a comprehensive framework for implementing operational quality within ECA by guiding the approval, delivery, monitoring and review of ECA programmes and ensuring that products and services produced by ECA and the processes that support them are of high quality. It will identify the processes, guidelines, tools and checklists that will be used in the planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and reviewing of ECA products and services. The manual will also outline the objectives, scope, guiding principles, processes, implementation, management authority, responsibilities and oversight in relation to the quality assurance system at ECA. It will be updated regularly to reflect new business strategies and policies, changes in United Nations rules and regulations, and United Nations-wide initiatives.

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ECA Evaluation Report

The Annual Report on Evaluation assesses the performance of the evaluation function through the UN Economic Commission for Africa. The Report provides information on evaluation coverage. It also presents key findings and lessons learnt from evaluations conducted during the reporting period

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